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REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated July 11, 2006. Reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

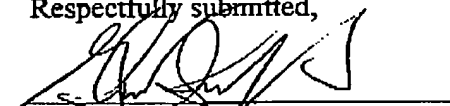
Before this amendment, claims 1 and 2 were pending. Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by O'Lenick, Jr. '268 and O'Lenick, Jr., '542. Thus, claims 1 and 2 are presently pending in the application.

Support for the amendment to claim 1 is found in the original claims as filed.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 USC 102, as purportedly being anticipated by O'Lenick, Jr. '268 and O'Lenick, Jr. 542. The amendment of Claim 1 to remove the limitation when Y is carboxyl is believed to obviate this rejection.

In view of the foregoing arguments and amendments, Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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